Further for cancellation/long delays passengers who are desirous of changing their bookings are provided with all assistance for re-booking and transferring on to other carriers wherever feasible. Passengers Disposal Messages are relayed to the enroute stations so that the passengers' relatives are kept apprised on enquiry.

Sharing of software expertise on Indian companies as a customer support to stakeholders of Boeing Aircrafts

4185. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider at harnessing the synergy of purchasing Boeing aircrafts and the process of sharing the software expertise of Indian companies as a customer support to stakeholders; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government for the present.

(b) Does not arise.

Implications of opening up the aviation sector to foreign airlines

4186. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the implications of opening up of aviation sector to the foreign airlines and private carriers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Opening up of aviation sector to private carriers will enable our airlines to optimally utilize the bilateral rights available to India and would also enable our airlines wean away traffic from third country carriers. This was also one of the recommendations of the Naresh Chandra Committee constituted to prepare a road map for civil aviation sector. Opening up of civil aviation sector will also lead to gradual increase in international connectivity to/from India lowering of.air-fares and will benefit the national economy as a whole and tourism, trade/commerce in particular.